

Dedicated to providing quality products and resources to enhance the lives of individuals with communication differences.



Providing a communication sign for a playground, pool or waterpark not only gives everyone a voice, but visibly makes the statement that this is a safe inclusive environment. It provides a visible reminder that everyone is welcome and differences are celebrated!

Securing funding for a communication sign project does not have to be intimidating or out of reach for anyone.

# Step 1: Plan your vision

Ask yourself (and your committee) these questions as this project takes shape:

- How many locations would benefit from communication signs?
- What languages are predominantly spoken in your community?
- How would the signs best be installed (free standing in a frame, attached to a fence, attached to a piece of equipment, secured to a side of a building, etc.)?

Communication signs from Resources at Lakeshore Speech, LLC. are made from an aluminum alloy making them extremely durable and lightweight. We provide installation ideas, however those maintaining the playground, pools and waterparks are the experts and would have a plethora of information to share. Consider asking a person(s) responsible for maintenance to be part of your committee.

# **Step 2: Research Your Options**

When looking for a company to provide the communication signs, you want to ask the following questions:

- Has a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist developed the vocabulary?
- Can the communication sign be 100% customized if need be at a reasonable price?
- Is the overall price reasonable?
- Is communication with a REAL PERSON easy, efficient and effective?
- Does the company stand behind the quality of their communication signs?

Resources at Lakeshore Speech, LLC. is committed to providing affordable resources for individuals with communication differences. With a combined 60+years of experience as certified Speech-Language Pathologists, VernaAnn and Ellen are dedicated to ensuring ALL individuals have a voice.



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### Step 3: Funding Sources

School Playgrounds/Pools:

- District 'teacher' Grants
- Community agencies
- PTA/PTO Grants
- Fundraising
- School District Funds
- Research grants specific to educational or inclusive initiatives

#### **Step 4: Drafts and Production**

Community Playgrounds/Pools:

- Corporate grant initiatives
- Municipality budgets
- Government Grants
- Fundraising
- Service Groups Grants

Once your vision is set, you've made your selection and the funding is in place, it is imperative the production of the communication sign is swift.

- Ensure you receive a draft copy of the artwork/layout prior to production.
- Share your agency's and/or funding source's logo to be included on the communication sign
- Expect frequent and clear communication

Resources at Lakeshore Speech,LLC. Works to ensure you are informed of every step of the processes. We will work with you until you are satisfied with the draft (adding the agency logo free of charge) of the sign. Once approved, you are kept informed of the production timeline as well as expected delivery date.

# Customer satisfaction is our top priority.

Our customers are involved in the development and draft creation of their signs to ensure the content is matches their vision exactly.

If there is a case where there is an issue please refer to our <u>Refund and Return Policy</u>.